

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

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WALES.
IN BANKRUPTCY. No. 819.
RE JOHANNES WILHELM, of Manila Bay, Philippine
Certs.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Staple Meeting of
Creditors in the above matter will be held at the Court
of the Registrar, Sydney, on the 12th day of February, 1901,
at 11 a.m., or as soon after the course of business will
permit.
To entitle a creditor to vote, the creditor must be
advised with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the
10th day of February, 1901.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
MR. R. M. STREPHEN, Official Assignee.
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH
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IN BANKRUPTCY. No. 819.
RE MICHAEL FITZMAURICE, of Waverley.
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MR. L. T. HOSKINS, Official Assignee.
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH

IN BANKRUPTCY.—No. 81.
RE PETER MCNEIL, of the Consolidated Lumber
Notice is hereby given that the Single Meeting of
Creditors of the above named firm will be held at the
Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 20th day of February
at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will
admit.

To entitle a creditor to vote thereof his proof must be
adjudged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the
15th day of February, 1889.

ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.

MR. L. T. LYONS, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH
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IN BANKRUPTCY.—No. 81.
RE THOMAS MORAN of 105, Macquarie-street, Sydney.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of
Creditors of the above matter will be held at the Com-
missioners-chancery, Sydney, on the 20th day of February
at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will
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To entitle a Creditor to vote thereof his proof must be
adjudged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the
15th day of February, 1889.

ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.

MR. A. MORAN, Official Assignee.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is in-
tended to be made to the Parliament of New South
Wales for the purpose of amending the Bankruptcy

sons, turning the present business over, say as it
 may be, to the Great Northern Lumber Limited,
 to construct and maintain a railway from Ojeda, on the foot
 of the Great Northern, to the mouth of the river, and
 branches thence held under lease by the said company
 for the purpose of conveying the lumber to the mouth
 of the river, the Great Northern Road and branches north
 of the mouth of the river, and the Great Northern
 Road and branches south of the mouth of the river,
 and the said company shall have power, right and
 authority to do all such things as shall be necessary
 to carry out the said business.
 Dated this 3rd day of January, A.D. 1910.
 W. J. NIEMEN, JOHNSON, and CO., Solicitors for the Appli-
 cant, Norwalk, Connecticut.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.
 In the Supreme Court of the State of New York.
 In Re: **WILLIAM JOHN STEPHENSON.**
 In Bankruptcy.
W. J. NIEMEN, JOHNSON, and CO., of Chatham,
 Connecticut, and **JOHN STEPHENSON**, of Chatham,
 Connecticut, Petitioners.
JOHN STEPHENSON.
 In Opposition to the OFFICIAL ASSIGNER and CREDITORS.
TAKE NOTICE, that **WILLIAM JOHN STEPHENSON**
 petitioned to apply to his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy at
 Chatham, Connecticut, for a certificate of discharge, at his
 February term, at 11 a.m., of an action afterwards in
 the course of hearing by the said Judge, and that a certificate of
 discharge was granted to me, under the said certificate, on the
 21st day of January, A.D. 1910.
 And I have this day, on the 21st day of January, 1910,
 filed with the said Judge, a copy of the said petition.
 W. J. NIEMEN, JOHNSON, the above-named Judge.
THE ESTATE OF HENRY BENT, late
 of King-street, Yonkers-on, deceased.

ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate must be presented to the undersigned by SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1902, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

S. H. JOHNS,
Accountant, 2nd Ave.,
Room 205, New York.

**IN THE ASSIGNMENT ESTATE OF
THEOPHILUS KOGAR, of Liverpool.**

ALL Claims against the above Estate are to be presented to the undersigned on or before the 23rd instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

H. HILDER, } Trustee.
F. W. ROUBINSON, }

205, Clarence street,
NEW YORK.

BUCKARO LINE COMPANY, Ltd.
MIDDELK.

\$400 PREMIUM.

A PREMIUM of £50 is offered by the Buckaro Line Company, Limited, for the best PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS, with all Working Drawings, of a Wire Rope Hoisting Machine, for Loading and unloading of goods and material on the Buckaro Line Company Quays to the London and Salford Railway Station, a distance of 1,000 feet, and for that motive power will be required to work the Machine. The specification is issued terminally at both ends of the line, for Loading and unloading of goods and material on the railway trucks at Middlesbrough; and also showing all details of the line, and the nature of the work to be done, and successful working of the power. The load is 20 tons, and the distance is 1,000 feet. The cost of the tramway, including motive power, not to exceed £1,000.

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CABLEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

PURCHASE OF A STEAM YACHT FOR NEW GUINEA.
LONDON, JAN. 16.
The Colonial Office has purchased the steam yacht *Merrie England*, 360 tons, for service in New Guinea. She sails next month.

PROFESSORSHIP OF LAW IN THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.
LONDON, JAN. 16.
There are 18 applications for the Professorship of Law in the Melbourne University.

ENGLISH PICTURES IN THE MELBOURNE EXHIBITION.
LONDON, JAN. 16.
The British Commission for the Melbourne Exhibition will not allow the collection of English pictures to be sent to Dunedin for exhibition.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT STOCKS.
LONDON, JAN. 16.
Victorian Government Stocks have risen 1 per cent.

BOROUGH OF ORANGE LOAN.
LONDON, JAN. 16.
Tenders for the Borough of Orange (N. S. W.) loan of £25,000 at 4½ per cent., the minimum for which was fixed at par, will be opened on the 24th instant.

NATIONAL MORTGAGE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.
LONDON, JAN. 17.
The National Mortgage Company of New Zealand has declared a dividend of 5 per cent.

MISHAP TO A STEAMER.
LONDON, JAN. 17.
The steamer *Ollisengen*, bound for Rockhampton, has returned to Malta in consequence of the machinery having become deranged.

ENGLISH, SCOTCH, AND AUSTRALIAN CHARTERED BANK.
LONDON, JAN. 17.
The English, Scotch, and Australian Chartered Bank has declared a dividend of 10 per cent. for the half-year, and carried forward £13,000. It is proposed to make the capital £1,000,000.

THE DIARY OF THE LATE EMPEROR FREDERICK.
LONDON, JAN. 17.
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It has transpired that the Emperor William of Germany commanded the indictment against Professor Geffcken to be published, with the view of justifying the prosecution of the Professor for divulging State secrets by publishing the diary of the late Emperor Frederick.

THE SLAVE TRADE IN EAST AFRICA.
LONDON, JAN. 16.
The insurgent natives have destroyed the German mission station at Darassalem, in East Africa, and captured 100 slaves who had been liberated. The Germans bombarded and destroyed the town. The rebels effected their escape.

VICTORIA AND THE PARIS EXHIBITION.
LONDON, JAN. 16.
The Commissioner of Customs has been in communication with the Agent General respecting the space allotted to Victoria at the Paris Exhibition. He has ascertained that it is not the French authorities who restricted the Victorian space to thirteen thousand feet, but the unofficial British Commission, which has been given charge of the whole of the arrangements respecting the granting of space to Great Britain and the colonies. To this commission the Victorian authorities have referred. Sir Graham Berry has been instructed to do what he can to secure increased space. The Government have determined to exhibit the natural products of the colony at the Paris Exhibition, realising that it would be unwise to miss the opportunity of placing before the French nation the exhibits in wine and other products likely to be purchased by its people.

THE SITUATION IN THE SOUDAN.
LONDON, JAN. 17.
News has been received to the effect that the night attacks on Suakim have been renewed by the dervishes under Osman Digna.

STANLEY AND EMIN BEY.
LONDON, JAN. 17.
Letters received from the Congo report that Tippu Tib, the slave owner, refused to accompany Stanley back to Emin Bey.

THE FATAL FATUITY OF COUNTRY-FAITHFULS.
LONDON, JAN. 17.
For surely the initiator must know that his imposture will sooner or later be detected, and yet there are parties still striving to perpetuate Wolfe's imposture.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
LONDON, JAN. 17.
Is a query by Shakespeare. We reply a very great deal when choosing your drink. See that you get Walker's Kilmock Whisky, and don't be fooled into buying any other.

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

VICTORIA.
MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.
The attendance at the Exhibition to-day numbered 14,888. An organ recital was given in the afternoon. In the evening the choir performed Beethoven's "Choral Symphony."

The gold yield of Sandhurst for 1888 amounted to 17,044 lbs., valued at £70,774. The dividends totalled £178,799, and the calls £173,055. Shortly after 8 this morning a fire broke out in a building at the rear of the old premises of the Daily Telegraph, formerly the machine-room and now the paper store-room. The fire broke out in a building at the rear of the old premises of the Daily Telegraph, formerly the machine-room and now the paper store-room. The fire broke out in a building at the rear of the old premises of the Daily Telegraph, formerly the machine-room and now the paper store-room.

A difficulty has arisen between the Melbourne branch of the Amalgamated Miners' Association and Chalk's Freehold Company in regard to the refusal of some miners employed by the company to pay their contributions and levies. A strike is feared as the ultimate issue of the dispute.

Mr. W. G. Thompson, solicitor, a very old resident of Sandhurst, died to-day.

QUEENSLAND.
BRISBANE, THURSDAY.
The Sugar Commission finished their work at Cairns to-day, and have gone to Geraldton to inspect the plantations and take the evidence.

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The report of Mr. Starr, of Chaffey Brothers, on the progress of the proposed irrigation colony, is understood to be favourable.

The steamer *Kingwear* arrived at Thursday Island last evening from Glasgow. She is en route for Melbourne for the Isle Investment Company.

A meeting of the various insurance companies was held this afternoon to consider what action should be taken against insurances. It was resolved to offer a reward of £500, and that a committee be formed to interview the Government in order to obtain its assistance for a similar reward.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
ADELAIDE, THURSDAY.
This afternoon the Premier and Attorney-General attended Government House. His Excellency administered the oath to them as the colony's representatives at the Federal Council. They left by express for Melbourne, accompanied by Mrs. Playford and Mr. Kingston.

The Victorian Minister of Education left Melbourne on Wednesday by express for Adelaide, and stopped at Bordertown. The Victorian Minister, who will reach Adelaide on Friday morning, is visiting the colony on private business.

It has been definitely decided that the new railway line will be carried out in the colony. At a Cabinet meeting to-day it was decided to accept the resignation of the members of the State Children's Council.

Eleven applications from South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria have been sent in for the position of the proposed representative of the colony at the Agricultural College.

The Commissioner of Public Works has decided to invite further tenders for 10,000 ft. of boring for water in the north, and 5000 ft. on the Nullarbor plain.

The new Land Act comes into operation on February 1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
PERTH, THURSDAY.
The Governor, in reply to a memorial from the settlers in the Sussex district, paying his Excellency to accept of an assignment of the W. A. Timber Company's station, plant, and concessions to a Malayan syndicate, stated that the representative of the whole colony was requested to interview the Commissioner for Lands with the view of some arrangement being arrived at. The new concession is based on the principle of the selection of land within a specified area. One of the objects of the concession is to give the company the right to construct a railway of an undefined length, receiving in payment 2000 acres in fee-simple per mile, in the dry part of the colony. This concession is now disapproved of by the Government.

TASMANIA.
HOBART, THURSDAY.
To-day Ministers announced that they would be content with three months' supplies, and would not insist on the passing of the Appropriation Bill for the whole year. This plan themselves to meet Parliament not later than July. In the course of the debate much was said about the inconvenience of a dissolution at the present time.

A curious point has arisen in the Legislative Council. Bills, which had been ordered to be read the second time that day three months ago, are now being read for the first time. The President said he could find no precedent for this. He decided that the bills must be read without any further discussion. The matter was postponed to to-morrow. A similar case occurred in the House of Commons in 1854.

NEW ZEALAND.
AUCKLAND, THURSDAY.
Mr. Saunders has been returned by a majority of 358 over Mr. Olliver.

DISPUTE IN THE CARPENTERING TRADE OF MELBOURNE.
MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.
In regard to the threatened strike in the carpentering trade, a letter from the Progressive Society of Carpenters and Joiners was read to-night at a meeting of the amalgamated society, suggesting that the body should take steps to secure a reduction in the hours of weekly labour to 45, without a reduction in the rate of wages.

The meeting decided to reply that the amalgamated society had every confidence in the committee appointed by both societies and the union carpenters to deal with the matter. This was a virtual rejection of the proposal of the Progressive Society. A mass meeting of the Amalgamated Society and non-union men will probably be held next week to consider the situation.

MAITLAND CO-OPERATIVE BAKING SOCIETY.
MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.
The half-yearly meeting of the Co-operative Baking Society was held at 7 o'clock to-night. The evening was held at 7 o'clock to-night. The evening was held at 7 o'clock to-night. The evening was held at 7 o'clock to-night.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

SWEARING-IN OF THE NEW MINISTRY.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

THE DISSOLUTION.

Great excitement prevailed in political circles yesterday. Notwithstanding the all-night sitting, members of Parliament were early astir, and the position of the new Ministry, and the prospects of a dissolution, were the general subjects of discussion. The members of the new Ministry (it says) were to have been sworn in at 11 o'clock for the purpose of being sworn in. Mr. Dibbs had a long interview with his Excellency the Governor, and Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Slattery remained some time in consultation with Lord Carrington. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly waited at the Colonial Secretary's office for the purpose of presenting to his Excellency the address adopted by the House that morning, declaring that it was desirable that the business of the country should be carried on by a Ministry which has the confidence of the majority of the House and of the electors. Lord Carrington received the address, and entered into a short conversation with Mr. Young. Shortly before 1 o'clock Mr. Dibbs and his colleagues were sworn in as members of the Executive Council. The new Ministers commenced duty at their respective offices in the afternoon. About 2 o'clock a *Government Gazette* Extraordinary was issued proroguing Parliament until Thursday, the 25th instant. After the new Ministry had been sworn in, Mr. Dibbs applied to his Excellency for a dissolution, and the request was granted. It is understood that the proclamation dissolving Parliament will be issued on Monday. Meanwhile the officials in the Colonial Secretary's Department will be engaged in the preparation of the writs for the election of members of the House of Representatives. The writs will be issued on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 7 o'clock. The writs will be issued on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 7 o'clock. The writs will be issued on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 7 o'clock.

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THE MELBOURNE EXHIBITION.

LUNCHEON TO VISITORS AND COMMISSIONERS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.
This afternoon the President of the Centennial Exhibition, Sir James MacRae, entertained a large number of visitors, commissioners, and exhibitors at luncheon in the official dining hall of the Exhibition building. About 120 gentlemen were present, including Sir Charles Lillie, Chief Justice of Queensland; Sir Samuel Griffith, delegate from Queensland to the Federal Council; Sir George Yarnold, representative of the British Royal Commission; Herr Wermuth, Executive Commissioner for Germany; Mr. Frank McCoppin, Executive Commissioner for the United States; Mr. J. P. Lessner, the new Consul-General for the United States; Mr. R. Barlett Smith, M.L.A., Executive Commissioner for New South Wales; Mr. John Fenwick, Executive Commissioner for Queensland; Mr. J. Nimmo, M.L.A., Minister of Public Works; Sir Wm. J. Clarke, M.L.C.; Colonel Sargood, M.L.C.; and Dr. R. R. Kirriehill, Bombay Army. After the toast of "The Queen."

The Chairman wished all a happy new year. He said one of the duties that day was to speed the parting guest, Mr. McCoppin, who was leaving the colony on Monday. He read a letter to that gentleman on behalf of himself and his colleagues, acknowledging the services he had rendered in his position at the Exhibition.

Mr. McCoppin, in reply, referred to the success of the Exhibition, pointing out that it had been visited by a million and a half of people during the few months it had been open, being more than the population of the colony. Speaking of the Press, he said he had very great respect for the Press of Melbourne, which was conducted with great ability and respectability. At the close of his speech, speaking of the commerce between America and Australia, he said: "Rightly or wrongly, it is the opinion of many people in America, which possess much interest for both America and Australia, that Australia was 'silent still and dead.' It would be deplorable if, in the given-and-take game now being played by states on behalf of themselves and the independence of those most interesting islands should be sacrificed." His remarks were warmly applauded, and were evidently distasteful to Herr Wermuth, who hurriedly rose and left the room.

Sir James MacRae offered a cordial welcome to the visitors, mentioning the names of Sir Charles Lillie, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Lessner, and Dr. Kirriehill, all of whom responded.

Sir Charles Lillie congratulated the people of Victoria on the wonderful success of the Exhibition. He was glad to witness in the Exhibition signs of a growing quickening of national life. He hoped he spoke as a reason when he said he viewed this with satisfaction as an indication of the coming independent national life. Though the day when that might be accomplished was very distant, and none of the gentlemen present might live to see it, however that time should come, he hoped that the national life of the Australian people would be one bound in the deepest and strongest sort of affinity to the land from which they had sprung. (Applause.) He hoped they would also be a nation born strong and loving relationship to their country, and on the other side of the water, the people of the United States. (Applause.)

Sir Samuel Griffith, in the course of his speech, said there was between the colonies of Victoria and Queensland a very strong connection. There was the business connection, and also the connection of political sympathy and common aspirations. Many people in Australia considered the time had arrived, or was arriving, when they should put an end to the small questions which divided the different colonies. Possibly that sentiment was not yet sufficiently widespread. As the results of the conference in Sydney, preliminary steps were taken in the direction of federation. After all, before they could bring about the common action they desired, they must educate public opinion, because a leader in politics could never go much beyond public opinion. Finally then would come federation, be accomplished, and the Australian colonies would be able to speak with a common commanding voice. The same sentiment existed, he believed, not only in Victoria and Queensland, but in New South Wales, although they had some differences. It differed in that an enthusiastic expression of opinion from them was more common many years before they would find that the colonies were united in sympathy and feeling. There were not many real differences of opinion between them. The question of importance to the colonies was recently a subject of much discussion. It was the interest of the colonies to have an opinion in regard to it among intelligent men. If there was any difference of opinion at all, it was in relation to the manner of the application of the principle held in common. The Australian colonies were one in this opinion, that the office of Governor was an office of honour, and was a most important link in the chain that bound them to the mother country, and they held that office in such high esteem that they felt everything should be done to preserve the dignity which belonged to it. It was to the interest of the colonies to have the colonies to see that the States were selected to perform the difficult and important duties pertaining to that position, and that was the common feeling of the people both in Great Britain and the colonies. Therefore on either side or the other, they should be made to receive any assistance they could obtain. This was the feeling that had been prevalent throughout the recent discussion of opinion had arisen, but there had been no disloyalty to the mother country.

Sir James MacRae said that Sir Samuel Griffith had alluded to a matter of great importance, on which strong opinions had been expressed by the various colonies. In his opinion for any colony to demand a vote in the appointment of Governors was utterly inconsistent with the constitutional relations held by the colonies to the mother country. He considered it would be disastrous for any Premier to have the power to say that a colony should not have a certain man to rule over it.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. Herr Wermuth insisted that it is a branch of etiquette to raise a question of foreign policy at luncheon held in what is an international exhibition.

THE DROUGHT IN QUEENSLAND.
BRISBANE, THURSDAY.
Distressing accounts are to hand from the Darling Downs and the south-western interior as to the state of the country from the want of rain. The crops are dying, the waterholes are empty, and the stock routes are very bare. The heat is excessive. The thermometer here at 11 o'clock to-day registered 127°; at Windsor, 128°; at Toowoomba, 121°; at Blackall, 114°; and at Dalby, 108°. A waterhole on Westbrook Station that has never failed for 40 years is now dry.

A telegraphic telegram reports that the drought is still very severe, and everything is burnt up. Rain is greatly needed.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT RATHFRY.
RATHFRY, THURSDAY.
In reply to an invitation sent to the Governor, Sir James MacRae, to open the new Masonic Hall, he was accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Justice Lillie, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Lessner, and Dr. Kirriehill, all of whom responded.

The hall is a fine building, and is well adapted for the purposes of the Society. It is situated in a beautiful spot, and is surrounded by a large garden. The hall is a fine building, and is well adapted for the purposes of the Society. It is situated in a beautiful spot, and is surrounded by a large garden.

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THE MELBOURNE EXHIBITION.

LUNCHEON TO VISITORS AND COMMISSIONERS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.
This afternoon the President of the Centennial Exhibition, Sir James MacRae, entertained a large number of visitors, commissioners, and exhibitors at luncheon in the official dining hall of the Exhibition building. About 120 gentlemen were present, including Sir Charles Lillie, Chief Justice of Queensland; Sir Samuel Griffith, delegate from Queensland to the Federal Council; Sir George Yarnold, representative of the British Royal Commission; Herr Wermuth, Executive Commissioner for Germany; Mr. Frank McCoppin, Executive Commissioner for the United States; Mr. J. P. Lessner, the new Consul-General for the United States; Mr. R. Barlett Smith, M.L.A., Executive Commissioner for New South Wales; Mr. John Fenwick, Executive Commissioner for Queensland; Mr. J. Nimmo, M.L.A., Minister of Public Works; Sir Wm. J. Clarke, M.L.C.; Colonel Sargood, M.L.C.; and Dr. R. R. Kirriehill, Bombay Army. After the toast of "The Queen."

The Chairman wished all a happy new year. He said one of the duties that day was to speed the parting guest, Mr. McCoppin, who was leaving the colony on Monday. He read a letter to that gentleman on behalf of himself and his colleagues, acknowledging the services he had rendered in his position at the Exhibition.

Mr. McCoppin, in reply, referred to the success of the Exhibition, pointing out that it had been visited by a million and a half of people during the few months it had been open, being more than the population of the colony. Speaking of the Press, he said he had very great respect for the Press of Melbourne, which was conducted with great ability and respectability. At the close of his speech, speaking of the commerce between America and Australia, he said: "Rightly or wrongly, it is the opinion of many people in America, which possess much interest for both America and Australia, that Australia was 'silent still and dead.' It would be deplorable if, in the given-and-take game now being played by states on behalf of themselves and the independence of those most interesting islands should be sacrificed." His remarks were warmly applauded, and were evidently distasteful to Herr Wermuth, who hurriedly rose and left the room.

Sir James MacRae offered a cordial welcome to the visitors, mentioning the names of Sir Charles Lillie, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Lessner, and Dr. Kirriehill, all of whom responded.

Sir Charles Lillie congratulated the people of Victoria on the wonderful success of the Exhibition. He was glad to witness in the Exhibition signs of a growing quickening of national life. He hoped he spoke as a reason when he said he viewed this with satisfaction as an indication of the coming independent national life. Though the day when that might be accomplished was very distant, and none of the gentlemen present might live to see it, however that time should come, he hoped that the national life of the Australian people would be one bound in the deepest and strongest sort of affinity to the land from which they had sprung. (Applause.) He hoped they would also be a nation born strong and loving relationship to their country, and on the other side of the water, the people of the United States. (Applause.)

Sir Samuel Griffith, in the course of his speech, said there was between the colonies of Victoria and Queensland a very strong connection. There was the business connection, and also the connection of political sympathy and common aspirations. Many people in Australia considered the time had arrived, or was arriving, when they should put an end to the small questions which divided the different colonies. Possibly that sentiment was not yet sufficiently widespread. As the results of the conference in Sydney, preliminary steps were taken in the direction of federation. After all, before they could bring about the common action they desired, they must educate public opinion, because a leader in politics could never go much beyond public opinion. Finally then would come federation, be accomplished, and the Australian colonies would be able to speak with a common commanding voice. The same sentiment existed, he believed, not only in Victoria and Queensland, but in New South Wales, although they had some differences. It differed in that an enthusiastic expression of opinion from them was more common many years before they would find that the colonies were united in sympathy and feeling. There were not many real differences of opinion between them. The question of importance to the colonies was recently a subject of much discussion. It was the interest of the colonies to have an opinion in regard to it among intelligent men. If there was any difference of opinion at all, it was in relation to the manner of the application of the principle held in common. The Australian colonies were one in this opinion, that the office of Governor was an office of honour, and was a most important link in the chain that bound them to the mother country, and they held that office in such high esteem that they felt everything should be done to preserve the dignity which belonged to it. It was to the interest of the colonies to have the colonies to see that the States were selected to perform the difficult and important duties pertaining to that position, and that was the common feeling of the people both in Great Britain and the colonies. Therefore on either side or the other, they should be made to receive any assistance they could obtain. This was the feeling that had been prevalent throughout the recent discussion of opinion had arisen, but there had been no disloyalty to the mother country.

Sir James MacRae said that Sir Samuel Griffith had alluded to a matter of great importance, on which strong opinions had been expressed by the various colonies. In his opinion for any colony to demand a vote in the appointment of Governors was utterly inconsistent with the constitutional relations held by the colonies to the mother country. He considered it would be disastrous for any Premier to have the power to say that a colony should not have a certain man to rule over it.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. Herr Wermuth insisted that it is a branch of etiquette to raise a question of foreign policy at luncheon held in what is an international exhibition.

THE DROUGHT IN QUEENSLAND.
BRISBANE, THURSDAY.
Distressing accounts are to hand from the Darling Downs and the south-western interior as to the state of the country from the want of rain. The crops are dying, the waterholes are empty, and the stock routes are very bare. The heat is excessive. The thermometer here at 11 o'clock to-day registered 127°; at Windsor, 128°; at To

SHIPPING REPORTS 4-

CUSTOM HOUSE.—Entered Outwards: January 15, Adelaide (s.), 917 tons, Captain T. W. Lockyer, for Adelaide, via Melbourne; Pathan (s.), 1762 tons, Captain Thomas Gifford, for Melbourne; Lubbock (s.), 1679 tons, Captain H. Norris, for Apia and Tonga; Airle (s.), 1491 tons, Captain W.throp Ellis, for Hongkong, via Thursday Island, Cooktown, and Townsville; Guthrie (s.), 1492 tons, Captain Hugh Craig, for Melbourne and Adelaide.

The steamer Wellington crossed the Port Macquarie River bar at 9.10 a.m. on the 15th instant, and arrived in Sydney at 5.30 a.m. on the 17th. Experienced easterly winds and thick weather throughout the passage. Cargo: 100 bags maize, 4 cases flax, 1 quarter-cask wine. 20 kilograms of mail.

take command of another of the company's steamers. During his stay out here he has made himself very much liked by his courteous and obliging manner, and at Suva and Tonga he is exceedingly popular. He reports of the present trip leaving Tongatapu on the 4th instant, and meeting with easterly winds and fine weather in making Apia, thence S.E. winds to Sydney, having left Apia on the 8th. Of the Samoan civil war, Captain S. Hamilton reports his former regret that it is a very great pity that so splendid

ing, 30-h.p. motor; her high and low pressure cylinders, 21in. and 42in. diameter respectively, stowage 21m. From this it will be seen that the New Guinea yacht should prove well adapted for the service on the coast there, and will doubtless be much appreciated by those who have experienced the disappointments, delays, and shortcomings of the existing means of water communication at New Guinea. The yacht carries a most commodious saloon, and is reported to be furnished in first-class style. She was to make a start for Torres Strait

proceeds to the town ship, 107 tons; Lough Cree, barge, 32 tons; Lucknow, ship, 1440 tons; Mobile Bay, barque, 119 tons; Newshay, barque, 359 tons; Glashow, ship, 145 tons.

On December 7, the Mary Low, barque, 855 tons, Captain Robertson, was loading at Liverpool for Newcastle. There are at present on the way to Newcastle—the W. H. Orms, Captain Brown, which left Liverpool via Melbourne, October 18; the Star of Denmark, from London, sailed November 2; Edenhorne, Captain Gargery, from Liverpool via Stamer,

steamer Lubec. He reports that the ship was bound to Melbourne with nearly a million and a half of lumber from Port Ludlow. That she left October 3, and all went well until December 7, in 1921 N. and 163-31 W. Here a hurricane was experienced. Reduced canvas to lower topsails, and the ship put before wind and sea. The storm increasing by 9 p.m., away went the foretopmast and foremast stayall. An hour later a sea pooped her, and carried away the wheel, leaving the ship at the mercy of the elements.

fruit, and 30 gallons of water, the whole crew of 23 hands all told, with some danger and difficulty, got clear of the ship. A course was first shaped for Cook's Group, but head winds succeeding, the little overladen open craft was headed for the Samoan Group. Fine fair winds were met to the easternmost island of the group, Manua, which was reached in eight days. It requires the exercise of no great amount of credence to believe that during those eight days the 23 persons were subjected to very severe privations.

earnestness and great solicitude they watched for a sign. The land may easily be imagined. On December 16 Manua was seen, and that day they landed. Their allowance of food for the eight days had been two tablespoonfuls of water and two biscuits per man per diem. The natives ashore received them with great kindness and a small vessel touching there, the *Emiline*, on Christmas Day, they were taken on board, and left for Apia, having spent 17 days among the dusky citizens of Manua.

the gunboat to Sydney is that she may be reconnoitred and receive her fresh officers and crew, who are expected from home. It seems that the officers and crew of the Palumah are not on the same footing as those of the Gayahdah, the other Queensland gunboat. It is considered that under the agreement existing between Queensland and the Admiralty the Palumah is subject only to the direction of the Admiral of the station, and her officers and crew are not in the Queensland service. This would appear to have been the intention of the Government, the vessel having

THIS DAY, FRIDAY

ORDER OF SALE
GOLD SHARES,
CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION
at the Rooms, at 11.30 a.m.,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
SHARES. 1300 Sovereign Gold-mining Co.
No Liability, paid up, in 100,000

CITY. Store in Margaret and Wynne lanes, off Margaret-street, near George-street, and now occupied by Messrs. Llynnon and Co.
REDFERN. Cottage, No. 146, Billingham-street, south of Redfern-street, Freehold.
REDFERN. Fresh-bone Pitt, No. 46, Duglands-street, between Pitt and Castlemole streets, south of Turner-street.
LANDWICK. Valuable site, lot 1 sec. 1, Belmore House Estate, fronting Belmore-street, near Allison-row.
ADDINGTON. Terraced, a neat residence, No. 10, Glenmore-row, opposite Gurnee Estate.

WORTH SHORE. Residence "Mr. James" in High-street, near Alfred-street. Mortgage sale.

WORTH SHORE. Corner Nite, No. 1 sec. 1, & Leonard's Park. Lane Court-road, beyond Berry's Estate.

LEWISHAM. Residence, corner of Toothill and Victoria streets, Lewisham Green, near station. Mortgage sale.

NEWTOWN. 3 Allotments, Bolmore-street, Ashley Estate, near London-street, and tram.

HAMMER HILL. Kennington and Vivia, two residences, Old Canterbury-road, near of Albert-street, in 1 or 2 lots.

BATHFIELD.

BURWOOD. Choice Villa SITE, Park-avenue and Victoria-street, across the park, and close to Burwood-road. Large COTTAGE, with 13 Acres of Land, known as the late Mrs Talloch's residence.

BALMAIN. The Balmain Jubilee Arms, Darling and Beattie streets.

BY ROBINSON'S BEACH. Lots 6 and 29, sec 1, Kensington North.

LOTS 4 and 5, sec. 1, Hasting, handy to train from Rockdale Railway Station.

LOT 115, Lydham Hill Estate.

ROCKDALE.

KOGARAH.
Lot 16, section 11, Kane-
dale Township.
Lot 14, section 11, Kane-
dale Township.
Lot 1, section 2, Bay View Park.
Splendid Mite, lot 7, section 4,
Bowen Park.
Good Allotment, North-west of
Allen street, near Elvinstown.
RICHARDT.
Cottage in Walker-street, opposite
Luffus-street, near Marine-front.
GREEN ESTATE.
Lot 36, section 2, Bay View Park.
Lots 14 and 27, Seaview and Quay
streets.
BONDI.
Lots 21 and 22, sec. 4, Quamatin
Estate, near Beach.
GORDON.
Lot 23 of sec. 4 of subdivision of

J. Curtis & 27 acre grant.

RICHARDSON AND WIENCH.
BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES.
RANDWICK.
ABLE BUILDING SITE, No. 9, Section 1, BEL-
LAIR HOUSE ESTATE, having 20ft. frontage to the
east side of BELMONT-ROAD, with a depth of 12ft.,
tending to a lane.
The above building site is close to the tram stopping-
place of AILSON-ROAD, and within sight of a Kerriem
round.

CHARBON and WIENCH have received in-
structions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms,
TUESDAY, 21st, FRIDAY, 15th JANUARY, a

The above land at Randwick.
Plan on view at the Rooms.

BETH SHORE RAILWAY.

BEST LAND SALE.

-MORROW, SATURDAY, on the GROUNDS

BETH SHORE RAILWAY ESTATE.

CHATSWOOD. CHATSWOOD

OPEN TO CHATSWOOD RAILWAY STATION

NOW BEING BUILT AT VICTORIA
 AVENUE.
 ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN LOTS.
 LEVEL LAND WITH GOOD SOIL.
 ERENS' TITLE. EASY TERMS.
 THOS. READY. FREE ONNEUSES from
 Milson's Point, at 2.30 p.m.
 RICHARDSON and WRENCH
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 ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS OF THE LATE
 ABRAHAM MARKS.
 UNDERWOOD ESTATE, FLEMINGTON.
 TWENTY 5. and 14. SECTION 5, having 500, frontage

MARLBOROUGH-ROAD, 367th ft. to HAMIL-
MITH-ROAD, by a through depth of 400ft.

TRACTS 6, Section 10, having 55th 101st frontage
VICTORIA-PARADE, by a depth of 200ft. along 249th.
FOURNE-ROAD.

TRACTS 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10, SECTION 10, having 101st
a. frontage to VICTORIA-PARADE, and 200th a
RICHMOND-ROAD.

TITLE-TORRENS ACT.

Plans on view at the Rooms.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received intru-

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22.
The above-described Allotments, situate at Fleming's close to the Railway-station.
LOTION IN THE ESTATE, a. J. Bull, Esq., Vendor, court, King-street.

GREENHILLS HOMESTEADS.
Farmers, Fruitgrowers, Market Gardeners, Fishers,

Meat-Farmers, Poultry Raisers, Dairy-men,
and Others.

15-ACRE FARM and COTTAGE.

The terms to settle
are

deposit. Balance to remain on mortgage for 5 years
at 5 per cent only. Payable either quarterly or

Water Frontage and Inland Risks.

Purchaser pays 215 deposit, and the interest, is 14 per
cent to be paid for 5 years, at the end of which time
same becomes due.

It, therefore, be clear to any intelligent person that
these are most advantageous, as the money which he
pays is allowed for the interest only or quarterly pay-

man in this case be utilized in improving the property before the payments become due extended until the time the owner is ready to sell the land. The owner's words the land is not only paying for itself but is making large profits.

It is an opportunity as this was never before offered to the public classes.

BYD and KING will sell by public auction,
The above property known as
GREENWILLS HOMESTEADS,
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, at 1 p.m.

will train to carry purchasers on to the ground. For all particulars from

BOYD and KING,
Attorneys.

86, Pitt-st.

R. SMITH has received instructions from the
Barwood Land, Building, and Investment Company,
by action on the ground, SATURDAY, February 1,
1902.
4 allotments, Brookley Estate, Balmain
4 allotments, Orange Grove Estate, Garrywen.
Balmain
4 allotments, Leichhardt Hill Estate, Brantley
Catherine, Piper, and other estates.

—51 per Cent deposit, balance 75 monthly payments
at 5 per cent interest, 5 per cent.

Sale will commence corner of Catherine and Pope
 Leitchfield, close to North Annalside Estate,
 sharp.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE
TERRY-HIE-HIE STATIONS.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

LDBSBROUGH, MORT, and CO., Limited, will
 offer at auction on such date, on account of Messrs.
 a Bros., their MAGNIFICENT PARSONAGE
 ES, in the OWYDIA DISTRICT, well and favourably
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TERRY-HIE-HIE STATIONS.

consisting of about
23,774 acres FREEHOLD LAND
24,257 acres C. F. LAND
21,000 acres LEASEHOLD LAND
23,941 acres held under OCCUPATION LICENSE,
together with
22,000 (more or less) SHEEP, of which about 100
were are now lambing, and
6,000 (more or less) CATTLE.

